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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116(a)**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of January 18, 2006, please amend  
the above-referenced U.S. patent application as follows: